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TOOK THE STAND TODAY

The Testimony in the Auld Courtmar-
tial Will Probably End To-day,
With Arguments To-
morrow.

Boston, Feb. 2.—Paymaster George P. Auld took the stand today in his navy court-martial and flatly contradicted the evidence of Dr. Edward S. Cowles and Mrs. Cowles that he had struck and killed Dr. Cowles at the Ames hop. He declared that he had simply pushed Cowles.

It developed in the testimony that Medical Inspector Ames had pushed the charges against Auld and Passed Asst. Surgeon Robnett through the influence of his daughter, who was the hostess at the hop. The testimony in the Auld case will be ended to-day, when a recess will be taken. The argument will be presented to-morrow. It is likely that there will be some days before the Robnett trial begins.

Officers Praise Auld.
Medical Director Ramus C. Persons, U. S. N., of the naval hospital at Philadelphia, testified that Paymaster Auld's reputation for veracity, sobriety and general standing in the service is excellent. Witness said he never knew of defendant's telling a falsehood and had never seen him under the influence of liquor.

Capt. Charles E. Fox, U. S. N., until recently commander of the receiving ship Wabash, now commanding the U. S. S. Lancaster at Philadelphia, gave practically the same testimony as the preceding witness, and added: "I don't believe Paymaster Auld capable of falsehood." Witness said he was at the hop of January 1, and saw Auld, who was not under the influence of liquor.

Pay Director Charles Williams of the Boston station said Paymaster Auld's reputation was excellent; that he was not given to falsehood and was efficient in his duties.

Charles Albert Vinal, wool merchant, living in Newton Center, who was a guest at the January 11 dance, testified:

"I was sitting in the smoking-room and saw Paymaster Auld and a man, who afterward proved to be Dr. Cowles, talking in low tones in the hallway. I tried not to hear what they were saying. I couldn't hear Paymaster Auld's voice at all. He was quiet in his manner and made no threatening gestures.

"I heard Dr. Cowles say: 'I am a southern gentleman and can give and take a thrashing. Make that personal.' They then separated. A few minutes later I heard a shuffling and, going out, saw Paymaster Auld rising from the floor, and he went through the door. That is the last I saw of him.

"I helped Cowles to his feet and washed off his clothes. Then a lady whom I had not noticed before asked me to telephone for a taxi for Mrs. Cowles, which I did.

Miss Virginia Swift, elder daughter of Rear Admiral William Swift, until recently commandant of the Charleston navy yard and now attached to the general staff at the navy department in Washington, testified that she is living at the Chelsea naval hospital.

"Did you ever hear Paymaster Auld say anything as to whether in his opinion or not Dr. Cowles was an improper person to have at a navy event?"

"Yes."

"Did you ever hear anything similar from any other person?"

"Yes."

"Who was that person?"

"Miss Margaret Ames."

"Do you know that Paymaster Auld knew that Miss Ames fell in that manner toward Dr. Cowles?"

"Yes, because the three of us went together—Miss Ames, Mr. Auld and myself."

"Now, where did this talk occur?"

"It occurred at my house."

"And when?"

"On the Tuesday before the hop."

OLD TOWN HALL BURNS.

Ducksport (Me.) Structure and Engine House Destroyed.

Ducksport, Me., Feb. 2.—Ducksport's century-old town hall and engine house adjoining were destroyed by fire yesterday. Both structures stood in the center of the village.

The flames started in the town hall and within a few minutes had enveloped the structure. They spread to the engine house, and that also was burned to the ground. Several other buildings caught fire. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

CALL TO NATIONAL BANKS.

To Give Statement of Their Condition on January 31.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—The comptroller of the currency issued a call today for statements showing the condition of national banks at the close of business January 31.

Miles Robson of Bennington severely injured two fingers of his right hand in the rear of a machine Saturday afternoon, while engaged in cleaning machinery at Holden Leonard & Co.'s mill.

RESCUE MAN
IN DENSE SMOKEFiremen Smash Door in Burning Rox-
bury Home, and, Crampling on Knees,
Remove James Burns from
Top Floor.

Boston, Feb. 2.—By their combined weight and strength, Lieut. Conroy and Firemen Lynch and Wright of engine 15, forced the street door of the house at 41 Hinchey street, in Roxbury, last night, and, crawling on their hands and knees through smoke and flames, rescued James Burns, 45 years old, who was overcome by smoke on the top floor. Burns, who is a bachelor, owns and is the sole occupant of the house, a two-story wooden frame building. It is believed he was reading by the light of a lamp in his bedroom on the top floor, and dozed off about midnight, upsetting the lamp.

Thomas Brennan, who lives at 45 Haskins street, discovered smoke pouring from the front windows on the top floor, and ran to engine 15's house close by and notified the firemen.

The blaze had gained considerably headway before the firemen reached the scene. On arrival neighbors informed them that they thought Burns was entrapped by the flames.

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SCOURGE OF TYPHOID
FEARED IN PARISSeveral Cases Already.—Water Fell 17
Inches Yesterday.—Seine is Back
in Old Bed, Though Higher
Than Normal.

Paris, Feb. 2.—Though the River Seine is still above its normal height, it is practically within its old bed to-day. The last twenty-four hours witnessed a fall of 17 inches. And it is expected that the water will lower 18 inches to-day. Alarm is felt over the prospects of a scourge of typhoid fever. Several cases have been reported.

MISS LE BLANC ARRAIGNED.

Girl Pleads Not Guilty to Charge of
Murder of Glover.

Boston, Feb. 2.—Hattie Le Blanc, who is held at the East Cambridge jail on the charge of murdering Clarence V. Glover at Waltham, Nov. 20, was arraigned before Judge Bond in the Middlesex superior court yesterday afternoon, and pleaded not guilty to the charge. She was at once taken back to jail.

She seemed composed and looked about the room interestedly. She wore a long black fur coat and a fur toque.

THREE COASTERS
WERE BADLY HURTRussell Gibson of Worcester, Mass., Is
Expected to Die, Having Fracture
of Spine and Internal In-
juries.

Worcester, Mass., Feb. 2.—William Tinsley, 12 years old; Robert Nugent and Russell Gibson, 10 years old, were seriously injured in a coasting accident yesterday afternoon. The three boys were on a double-runner, which crashed into a house wagon driven by Paul Richards. Gibson has a bad fracture of the skull and internal injuries. He will probably die. Tinsley and Nugent both had jaws and arms broken, and Tinsley had all his teeth knocked out.

AN ASTOR HEIRESS MARRIED.

To William Phillips, First Secretary of
American Embassy in London.

London, Feb. 2.—The parish church at Begate today witnessed the marriage of Miss Caroline Astor Drayton, granddaughter of the late William Astor, to William Phillips, first secretary of the American embassy. Only a few intimate friends and relatives were present.

WAS WALKING TRACK.

Mary A. Donovan Instantly Killed at
Fitchburg.

Fitchburg, Mass., Feb. 2.—Mary A. Donovan, a weaver employed at the Arden mills, was instantly killed today when she was struck by a train on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad. She was walking on the track.

ONE FIREMAN KILLED.
And Several Men Injured at Fire in Cin-
cinnati To-day.

Cincinnati, Feb. 2.—One fireman was killed and three men were injured in a fire following a freight collision at Winton place to-day.

BODIES TORN
BY EXPLOSIONThirty-three Dead in Kentucky
Mine

2 MORE MINERS MISSING

Work of Rescue Was Delayed Six Hours
Because of the Accumulation of
Gases—Terrible Scenes
To-day.

Drakesboro, Ky., Feb. 2.—Thirty-three dead, two missing and half a dozen injured is the complete list of casualties by the explosion in the mine of the Elk Valley Coal company at Browder last yesterday. Only the names of a few can be learned as the bodies are fearfully mutilated. The rescuers worked all night, and there were terrible scenes at the pit mouth as the dead were brought out.

Because of the accumulation of gases in the entry where the explosion occurred, 170 feet beneath the ground and 700 feet back from the mine shaft, it was impossible to begin active rescue work until six hours after the disaster occurred. The damage to the mine, investigating parties have discovered, was not material and is confined to the east entry. There were 100 men in the mine at the time of the explosion, more than half of them in the west entry. All hastened to the cages and were quickly drawn to the top. Later all in the east entry except the unfortunate 35 fought their way to the shaft and were brought out to safety.

DOESN'T REMEMBER TIME.

But Lombard Says Cummings Was Present
at Forgery.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 2.—"I don't remember when I forged the last note," said former treasurer John B. Lombard, of Framingham, in his second day's trial for forgery in the superior court yesterday.

Then, looking at Charles S. Cummings, the Boston note broker, who is also on trial for uttering and larceny of \$300,000 of town notes, Lombard said that the broker stood over him while he forged the signatures of the two selections. He admitted receiving sums of money from Cummings during the past five years, but could not fix dates. Throughout his examination Lombard appeared very feeble and scarcely spoke above a whisper.

At the morning session President Thomas H. Murphy of the Washington Savings Institution of Lowell testified that he bought a \$15,000 note of the town of Framingham from Cummings, and found later that it had been forged.

PLAY HOSE ON STRIKERS.

Firemen Stop Attack on New Hands by
Men, Women and Children.

Pawtucket, Feb. 2.—At the mill of the Tilton company in Valley Farms, about 150 strikers with their wives and children attempted yesterday to prevent the entrance of strikebreakers from a neighboring town.

The newcomers were being worsted in the melee when the mill superintendent called out the fire department and ordered the hose played on the crowd. The strikers gathered stones and fought the firemen, but soon broke and ran, drenched.

The strikers, most of them Poles, went out a week ago, claiming that the superintendent had discharged several of their compatriots because of his dislike of the race. Supt. Merrill denies this.

RETURN FROM AGRA MEETING.

Dr. Clark Says Work of Christian En-
deavor Is Spreading.

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—The Rev. Francis B. Clark of Boston, in charge of a party of Christian Endeavor delegates who attended the world's conference held at Agra, India, arrived on the steamship Cleveland yesterday.

Dr. Clark said that meetings of the Christian Endeavor workers were conducted by his party in China, India and Honolulu. The work is spreading rapidly in the far East, he reported.

Town Clerk J. F. Miles and Mrs. Miles celebrated the 45th anniversary of their marriage last Sunday at their home in Hinesburg. Dr. Miles was 60 years of age January 2, and has been town clerk for 30 years. He is at the office every day. Mrs. Miles is about 60 years of age and is able to be about the house every day.

Eugene Kimball was injured Saturday while working with a wood-sawing machine in Rutland. He slipped and fell backwards, so that the wheel of the wagon, on which the machine was placed, struck the back of his head, inflicting a severe gash. A number of stitches were necessary in order to close the wound.

Bennington is to have a district visiting nurse, for the benefit of families who are unable to hire a nurse to give their full time. Through the King's Daughters' services of Miss Edith Grover of the Bennington District Nursing association, has been secured and she began her duties Monday.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS
ARE "INTOLERABLE"Declares City Attorney Vilas of Bur-
lington, Who is Prosecuting
Certain Cases in Bur-
lington.

Burlington, Feb. 2.—There are now five young women in the Chittenden county jail, waiting to be tried on charges of immoral conduct. One of them is Emma Johnson, whose right name is Emma Trow, and another is Victoria Moulton, who formerly passed under the name of Della Norman and later married a Mr. Tatro. Another gives her name as Carole Lescarbo, but as she is the wife of Thomas Bissette it is assumed that the former name is not correct. The other two are Mamie Whalen and a young colored girl.

City Attorney Vilas, who will prosecute these people, stated yesterday that the social conditions existing, especially in Woodstock, between numerous young women and soldiers of the 10th cavalry, were intolerable and almost unbelievable. However, every means within the jurisdiction of the law will be taken to improve this condition.

MANY MASONS ATTEND.

Fourth District Convention Held in Rut-
land Yesterday.

Rutland, Feb. 2.—Between 450 and 500 Masons from this county and eastern New York, attended the annual convention of the fourth Masonic district, held yesterday afternoon and evening in the Fowell opera house at Fairhaven. Between 10 and 15 degrees were conferred in the Baptist church by Fairhaven chapter, O. E. S. At the afternoon session the entered apprentice degree was worked on one candidate by Morning Star lodge of Poultney and the first and second lectures were given by Chipman lodge of Wallingford. District Deputy Grand Master T. A. Davis of this city, gave the third lecture descriptive.

In the evening the master mason degree was worked by Europa lodge of Fairhaven. Several grand officers were present and the work was reviewed by Grand Lecturer Charles H. Darling of Burlington.

STRUCK BY BOOM
AND MAY NOT LIVEPeter Mattson Hurt in Swingle Quarry
at Quincy, Mass., Yesterday
Afternoon. Skull Frac-
tured.

Quincy, Mass., Feb. 2.—Peter Mattson, 23 years old, of 24 Arthur street, was struck by a heavy derrick block in the J. S. Swingle quarry yesterday afternoon and received a fracture at the base of the skull.

He was attended by Dr. Roderick McTelha and was later removed to the Quincy City hospital in the police ambulance. He is reported to be in a serious condition to-night.

HANDS AND FEET FROZEN.

Rutland Man Picked Up in Karner, N.
Y., Railroad Yard.

Albany, Feb. 2.—Charles Hogan, 19 years old, a resident of Rutland, Vt., is a passenger train he was picked up near a pile of ties at tower 6 at Karner, at two o'clock yesterday morning. When found the young man was unconscious. It was at first believed he was dead, but by the time he was brought to the station in this city by the crew of a passenger train he had revived.

He was taken to the Albany hospital, where he remained unconscious until he awoke in the morning. At first he gave the name of Charles Dinn. He afterwards said his right name was Hogan and told where he lived. He said also that he had a cousin, Mary Walsh, living at 100 South Main street, Rutland. His friends have been communicated with.

Hogan's feet and hands are badly frozen. It will be necessary to amputate two or three of the toes of one foot but the house physician believes it will be possible to save his feet.

MANY GIVE RIGHT OF WAY.

Work Will Be Begun on Fair Haven-
Poultney Trolley Line March 1.

Rutland, Feb. 2.—Tracy Rogers of Burlington, N. Y., president of the Rutland Railway, Light & Power company, stated yesterday that work on the extension of the trolley line from a point near Fair Haven to Poultney will be begun in March. People in this part of the state are so glad of a chance to get some railway connection other than the round about way of the Rutland & Washington branch of the D. & H. that many of them are giving the right of way for the trolley road free.

There is every indication that the line will connect with the D. & H. at Granville, N. Y., another season. With this in view the Poultney extension will be built as heavy as a steam railroad, so to grades and rails so that the trolley-men can use it for freight cars when it hits the D. & H. It will be a great convenience to the state men.

Y. M. C. A. FOR RUTLAND.

Ladies' Auxiliary of Boys' Club Will
Canvass City.

Rutland, Feb. 2.—The women of Rutland are the first to endeavor to take active steps to secure for the city a Young Men's Christian association for which there has been a great need since the big fire of February, 1906.

The ladies' auxiliary of the Rutland Boys' club, a small organization formed a year ago, made it known yesterday that they will begin next month a thorough canvass of the city to see if sufficient subscriptions can be secured to warrant starting a building. No beginning will be made unless it is evident that a modern building headed by a competent secretary can be erected.

YOUNG MAN
BOUND OVEROn Testimony of Man He
Helped to Freedom

FOR AIDING IN JAIL BREAK

Frank Goodwin Bound over to County
Court on Evidence of Joseph
Guidici, Fugitive Caught
at North Adams.

Frank Goodwin was bound over to the county court on the charge of assisting Joseph Guidici to break jail, following a hearing held in city court yesterday afternoon. Ball was fixed at \$500, which he was unable to furnish, and he was taken to the county jail. The principal witness in the case was Joseph Guidici, who was brought up from the county jail by Sheriff Frank Tracy.

When put onto the stand, Guidici was warned by Judge Scott that he was not obliged to testify, and if he did his statements would be used against him on the charge of breaking jail. Guidici replied that he wanted to testify and said in substance that Goodwin came into the police station and talked with him through the cell door on the evening before he escaped from the jail, and that Goodwin, after asking him how he would like to get out, passed him as iron bars through the cell door. He (Guidici) held the bar until later in the evening, then began to pry off the casing of the cell door.

He said he had the door all unfastened long before the policemen had left the station in the morning. He heard Officer Gamble go out of the station shortly after five o'clock, and at six o'clock he walked out of the cell and out of the station through the side door, which was not locked. He said he went from here to East Montpelier and then to Northfield, where he jumped a freight train, on which he rode into Boston. He said he had no idea of attempting to break out of jail until Goodwin suggested it to him.

Chief Faulkner and Officers Carl, Hamel and Gamble were all put onto the stand, and each one testified that Goodwin came into the station that evening, and that he made the statement to the officers that anyone could break out of the cell in which Guidici was confined in ten minutes. Officer Gamble said that he was the last officer to leave the station that morning and that he left at ten minutes past five. Guidici was then, he said, apparently asleep in his cell.

The officers also said that Mary Guidici, a little sister of the prisoner, and Mary Dickey were in the station that evening and visited with Guidici until about 8 o'clock.

Four intoxication cases, the most in a long time, were brought before Judge Scott this morning. William J. Pierce of Barre was arrested at 9:30 last night by Patrolman Hamel. Arraigned in court, he pleaded guilty to a subsequent offense, his bail, and was fined \$15, with costs of \$5.84; paid. He disclosed on Northfield, liquor being secured last Saturday.

Frank Shields of Rochester made his fifth appearance in the local court on the charge of intoxication, having been arrested at 8 last night by Patrolman Gamble. He pleaded guilty to a subsequent offense and was fined \$15, with costs of \$5.94. He disclosed on Braintree, where he said, he got the liquor with no questions asked. A bottle full of American malt whiskey, which was found on his person, was ordered destroyed.

John Kerr of Barre, arrested by Patrolman Carl, at 9:30 last night, pleaded guilty to a first offense and was fined \$5, with costs of \$5.94.

Clifford Peake was arraigned for the third time on an intoxication charge, having been arrested late yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Slatton. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$15, with costs of \$6.30; paid. He was not required to disclose.

CONFERENCES CONTINUE.

Committees Continue Meetings in En-
deavor to Reach Agreement.

To-day is another of conference on the part of committees representing the manufacturers and workmen, and while an understanding has not yet been reached, the two sides are slowly drawing nearer to agreement. While this may not come this week, it is not expected to continue long beyond it. Committees representing the granite cutters and the polishers are meeting committees from the manufacturers this afternoon.

FIXED BAIL AT \$2,500.

Court Refused to Make It \$10,000 in Jack
Johnson's Case.

New York, Feb. 2.—That Jack Johnson has too much at stake to flee his trial was the decision of Justice McQueen, who to-day denied the motion to make the negro's bail \$10,000 for assault on Norman Pinder, and he fixed the bail at \$2,500. Pinder is in a serious condition. Johnson will give bond after afternoon. District Attorney Whitman said that the trial will probably last six weeks. Conviction carries a five years' sentence or a large fine, or both.

Considerable hay is being moved about Sutton early this winter; several loads are weighed at the hay scales every day. The price is \$15 the ton at the barn and some have refused to sell more at that price.

Big sale of house dresses and wrappers has been at 8c, valued at \$1.25. P. H. Shrivastava House, over the People's Shoe Store.

BARRE'S CASES
AT ASYLUMThere Are Nine Who Are to Be Given
a Hearing in Person, According to
Recent Decision of the
Supreme Court.

That the city of Barre has nine state patients in the Waterbury insane hospital, who will have to be recommitted because of the recent decision handed down by the supreme court that all of the state patients there had been illegally committed, was reported to the city council last evening by City Attorney J. Ward Carver. The city attorney stated that the supreme court in making this decision had held that the law then in force was unconstitutional, because of the fact that it did not provide that the patients should be present personally at the hearing for commitment, thus depriving them, the court had declared, of their constitutional rights.

The decision, he said, had been referred to the attorney general, who had instructed the superintendent of the hospital to notify all the towns or cities that their patients must be recommitted. The city attorney said that to save the trouble and expense of transporting all of the patients for commitment from the hospital to Montpelier, the prothonotary had decided to hold a court for the hearings at the asylum some time this month. He said that a subpoena would have to be served on all the patients, summoning them to appear at the hearing, and as the asylum superintendent did not like the idea of having a deputy sheriff go through the asylum, serving those subpoenas, the superintendent had secured for himself an appointment as deputy sheriff, so that he could attend personally to the service on the patients.

To get witnesses to appear at the hearings for commitment, who could swear that the patients have no property or relatives bound by law to support them, the city attorney stated, had put the towns having such patients to no little trouble, as he had found that in the probate court office there were no records to show who had been the witnesses in the previous hearing, and as some of the Barre cases run back five or six years, it will be difficult in finding relatives or friends who would make suitable witnesses.

Alderman Thurston, who has been overseer of the city, stated that he thought that the books of the overseers in office when the commitments were made would show who had been paid witness fees at the hearings, and the books were brought out from the city clerk's office and looked over, but in only one case was the name of a witness given. Alderman Thurston then explained that this was probably due to the fact that the witnesses had been relatives of the patients and had not charged any fee.

A petition was also presented by the city attorney for the council to sign, advising the judge of probate for a Marinon Estate Granite company, Judge H. W. Scott having said his interest in the company to John Nicholson of this city. Mr. Nicholson will become manager of the new plant, which the company has recently erected on Batchelder's meadow. The plant is one of the most modern equipped sheds in the city. The remaining members of this company are Mrs. Martinson and Edward Anderson.

Another change, which is yet in the making, has to do with a granite concern, whose plant is in the north end of the city; but the details of it are not fully completed.

C. O. F. BANQUET WELL ATTENDED.

Given in Honor of Visiting High Court
Officials.

The reception and banquet given in Montpelier last night in honor of the visiting high court officers of the Catholic Order of Foresters was largely attended, the tables at the banquet being laid for 125. This was held at the Pavilion and lasted until 11 o'clock, when the speaking began. The meeting did not break up until 1:30 this morning.

William N. Threlkelt was toastmaster and many local men and others from outside the city and state took part in the speaking, including Arthur Prenter of Barre, John L. Burns of Northfield, Mr. Fitzpatrick of Graniteville, Mr. Alapa of Winoski, Frank M. Corry of Montpelier, Thomas H. Blodgett of Montreal, State Senator Julius Collier of Minnesota, and High Court Trustee Thomas P. Flynn of Chicago, who stated that the Catholic Order of Foresters now has 140,000 members and has paid out more than \$12,000,000 in benefits since its founding. All the high court officers but one were present. High Court Ranger Thomas H. Cannon of Chicago.

MEET AT ST. JOHNSBURY.

Ladies of the Macabees to Hold State
Rally Next June.

A state rally of the Macabees in Vermont of the Ladies of the Macabees is to be held at St. Johnsbury on June 16 and 17. It will be a two days' gathering of officers and members from all branches in the state, that they may see the beautiful ritualistic work fully exemplified and receive instructions and exchange ideas on the work of the order. Miss Bina M. West of Port Huron, Mich., supreme recorder keeper, with State Commander Mrs. Cora B. Finn, will be present, and there will be grand class initiation of candidates from all over the state. Great preparations are being made and the exemplification of the ritual with the full guard work by a specially drilled team will be the crowning event of the rally. Mrs. Cora B. Finn will have charge of this convention and will secure the best talent possible for the occasion.

MORE CANDIDATES.

Angus A. Smith for Mayor Is the Latest
Suggestion.

The name of Angus A. Smith is the latest suggestion for mayor. Friends of his are urging him to run for the office. William Moore is also suggested as a candidate for alderman in ward 6.

TWO CHANGES
IN BUSINESSWilliam Milne Buys Frank
Odgers' Interest in Old Firm

RETURNING FROM WEST

Judge H. W. Scott Sells His Interest in
Martinson Estate Granite Concern to
John Nicholson—Another Change
in the Making.

Although it is a dull time for granite work because of the labor dispute, there is quite a bit of activity in the transfer of granite plants, as two transfers have already been made and another is under way. The first is the purchase by William Milne of Frank Odgers' interest in the firm of Littlejohn, Odgers & Milne, by which Mr. Milne gets back into the same firm, which he left a year and a half ago, when he sold out to Mr. Littlejohn, since deceased. Mr. Odgers, who has been in the firm for nearly four years, is not decided as to his plans.

The business will be conducted under the same name as formerly and at the same plant on Batchelder's meadow. The other partners in the business are the two heirs of the late Mr. Littlejohn, Mrs. Robert Simpson and William Littlejohn, with the husband of the former assisting in the management. The plant normally employs about three gangs of granite cutters.

Mr. Milne, who comes back to Barre to engage in the granite business, is well acquainted with it and particularly the business of this firm, with which he was formerly associated. Since leaving Barre he has been in Terre Haute, Ind., being engaged in the retail monument business, as well as taking an architectural course in the Rose Polytechnic Institute. He returned from Terre Haute two weeks ago, and Mrs. Milne will come in a short time. Their old acquaintances will be pleased to welcome them back to the city.

Prior to entering the firm of Littlejohn, Odgers & Milne five years ago, Mr. Milne was connected with the firm of I. W. Bates & Co., and before that he was engaged in the work of granite cutting, so that he has the benefit of practical knowledge of the business. Later he has taken up architectural study, to perfect himself in that branch of the work.

Another change has taken place in the Littlejohn, Odgers & Milne company, Judge H. W. Scott having said his interest in the company to John Nicholson of this city. Mr. Nicholson will become manager of the new plant, which the company has recently erected on Batchelder's meadow. The plant is one of the most modern equipped sheds in the city. The remaining members of this company are Mrs. Martinson and Edward Anderson.

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